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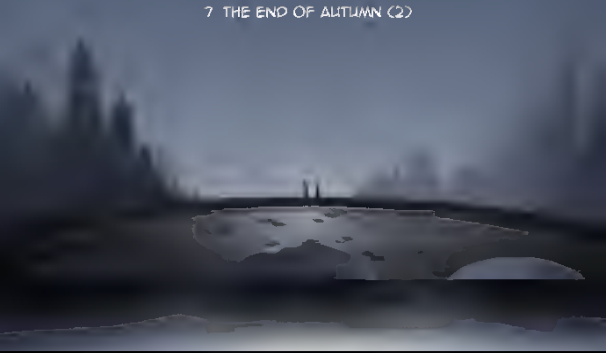

I WON'T SAY ANYTHING IF YOU WANT TO GRAB ANY HALF-ASSED QUEST. SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
YOU WERE MOANING ABOUT OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP? OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP! A FEW DAYS AGO. WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

OLD MAN, YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO FIND YOUR WIFE BEFORE YOU DIE. YOU WERE PRACTICALLY SOBBING IN MY LAP BACK THERE IN THE EASTERN REGION.
WHAT COULD I POSSIBLY SAY TO THAT? I'M GONNA STOP COMPLAINING FOR A BIT AND LET YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT. IS WHAT I'M SAYING.

THWACK
YOU LITTLE... WHAT? 'SOMETHING IN YOUR LAP'?! WHEN DID I DO THAT, HUH?
YOU DID!
I DID NOT YOU BASTARD!
AH. DON'T TOUCH MY HAIR!
I WAS WONDERING WHAT YOU WERE ON ABOUT. DO YOU THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS HAPPENED?
THEY'RE TRYING TO KEEP UP THEIR COMPANY IMAGE. I JUST NEED TO HIRE SOMEPLACE ELSE WE'LL CONTINUE ON AS WE DID COLLECTING INGREDIENTS
...THEN DON'T GO AROUND LOOKING LIKE YOU JUST ATE SHIT OFF THE GROUND. IT CONFUSES PEOPLE
ONE WRONG LOOK WOULD BE ALL IT TOOK TO RILE YOU INTO A FIGHT
I'M NOT YOU, DUMBASS.

THE WHERE USUALLY WE INVESTIGATE KNOWING WHETHER IT WAS MAGIC OR NOT, WHETHER IT'S ILLEGAL OR NOT, BECAUSE IT'S THE FORMAL VARIANT OF THE WORD -OVER LIKE.
ELDER BROTHER THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU SAID!
YOU SAID YOU WOULD WAIT UNTIL I FINISHED MY INVES-TIGATIONS!
BUT YOU'RE CALLING ALL THE GUILDS TOMORROW. !
PLEASE THINK MORE CAREFULLY ABOUT LEGAL-IZING FORBIDDEN MAGIC!
THAT'S WHY I GAVE YOU MORE TIME. AND YOU CAME UP WITH NO EVIDENCE AGAINST IT!
ELDER BROTHER. YOU KNOW IT'S STRANGE AS WELL!

I RECOVERED ANOTHER BOX CONTAINING A FORBIDDEN MAGIC SCROLL FROM THE WESTERN REGION, RECENTLY
ALONG WITH A CONTRACT WITH THE KINGDOM'S SEAL ON IT!
NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THE RANGERS' COMMANDER, GREVEL, THREE YEARS AGO..!
ENOUGH!
TOMORROW'S MEETING WILL GO ON AS PLANNED AND THAT IS FINAL! JUST DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SNEAK OUT OF THE PARTY!
SLAM—!

WHO-HOA.. PRINCE TALLON IS VERY DETERMINED ISN'T HE? THIS IS A FIRST
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, PRINCESS NOVA?
ELDER BROTHER TALLON ISN'T WRONG. I HAVE NOTHING CONCRETE I CAN SHOW HIM
ANYWAYS, WHAT DO I DO?
THE ONLY PERSON THAT'S HELPING ME IS A SMUG PEVERT. OF COURSE THE INVESTIGATIONS AREN'T GOING WELL
HMMM... WHAT CAN YOU DO?
THE ONLY ROYAL GUARD THAT WILL PLAY ALONG WITH THE YOUNGEST PRINCESS'S WISHES WHILE TESTING THE PRINCE'S TEMPER IS ME, RIGHT?
SIR GALAHAL, WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE KICKED INTO THE DUNGEONS?
WELL, DON'T BE SO HURT BY THE OTHERS' DECISIONS
WHILE THE ROYAL GUARD HAS SWORN TO SERVE THE MONARCHY, THAT MONARCHY IS DIVIDED BY HIERARCHY SO THERE'S NOTHING THEY CAN DO, RIGHT?
I KNOW THAT

HOWEVER, THERE'S TOO MUCH SUSPICIOUSLY HIDDEN ABOUT FORBIDDEN MAGIC AND ELDER BROTHER IS WILLFULLY IGNORING IT
I, AT LEAST, MUST CONTINUE MY INVESTIGATIONS
IF THERE'S NOBODY IN THE PALACE WILLING TO HELP ME, I MUST FIND SOMEONE FROM OUTSIDE
SOMEONE WITH THE MONEY, THE POWER, AND THE VOICE TO MATCH...

WE ARE TOO IGNORANT ABOUT FORBIDDEN MAGIC. WE NEED A TRUSTWORTHY EXPERT WE CAN CONSULT.

...THAT RIGHT, SIR GALAHAL DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU MET AN ARCHMAGE AT ACULLI PORT WHO KNEW FORBIDDEN MAGIC WELL?
HOW DID THAT GO?
I TOLD HIM TO APPEAR AT COURT, BUT HE HAS YET TO COME

...SO I LOOKED INTO HIS PAST MYSELF, BUT
WELL. IN SHORT, HE'S SOMEONE WHO RECEIVED HIS ARCHMAGE STATUS THROUGH FORBIDDEN MAGIC. RIGHT AT THE END OF THE ERA WHEN IT WAS STILL LEGAL.
I THINK HE WAS QUITE PROMISING IN HIS SPECIALITY. BUT HE NEVER STAYED VERY LONG IN ONE PLACE, SO THERE'S NO RECORD OF WHAT HE ACTUALLY RESEARCHED
?
AS YOU KNOW, THAT TIME CAN BE CONSIDERED THE MAGICIANS' DARK AGE. SO
HE'S PROBABLY ONE OF THOSE MAGICIANS WHO FORMED SMALL TEAMS TO POKE AND PROD AT FORBIDDEN MAGIC IN SECRET
AFTER HE GOT RECRUITED INTO PARAGON, HE'S BEEN QUIET, BEING SENT TO RESEARCH FACILITIES AND SUCH ON GUILD BUSINESS
THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE BETWEEN ARCHMAGES. WE CAN ACTUALLY CONTACT GET HIM TO JOIN US
IN THAT RESPECT, I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE TO WORRY. HE'LL HAVE TO HELP YOU EVEN IF HE DOESN'T WANT TO

IN ANY CASE THERE WERE A FEW ACCIDENTS HERE AND THERE BUT MY OPINION THAT DUPONT IS THE BEST RESEARCH GUILD OUT THERE HASN'T CHANGED.

I'LL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION AFTER I MEET DUPONT'S GUILDMASTER TOMORROW AT THE PALACE

UHM - LOOK I'M SORRY I HAVE TO SAY THIS BUT FORGET GOING OUT TO THE PALACE TOMORROW...

YOU LOOK SO BAD. YOU COULDN'T TAKE ONE STEP OUT OF THIS ROOM AND KEEP YOUR DIGNITY.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN WHILE WE WERE IN THE EASTERN REGION?
HE SAID THINGS ENDED COMPLETELY BETWEEN HIM AND HIS WIFE...
HI...
COULD YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT HIM? I'VE TAKEN OVER ALL OF HIS WORK... AND I'M ABOUT TO GO CRAZY!
DO I HAVE TO DO ALL THIS WHILE ON MINIMUM WAGE?!
BUT HE STARTED UP A LOT OF THINGS AROUND THE TIME WE LEFT FOR THE EASTERN REGION. HE LOOKED OKAY THEN...
THERE'S NO WAY HE WAS OKAY, THEN
I FEEL SO FREE EVER SINCE THAT WOMAN LEFT!
THESE ARE MY SECOND GOLDEN YEARS. YOU UNDERSTAND?!!
GOLDEN YEARS... MY ASS! PUT ON YOUR PANTS
YOU OLD GEEZER. EVEN IF YOU'VE BECOME A DIVORCED MAN, YOU SHOULD LIVE LIKE A HUMAN BEING!
LOOK AFTER YOURSELF FIRST, HYUNG.

IT'S A SHAME THINGS WENT SOUTH. BUT SOMEONE WHO CALLS HIMSELF A GUILD MASTER SHOULDN'T BE SITTING HERE IN A SHAMBLES
ESPECIALLY AT AN IMPORTANT TIME LIKE THIS. YOU SHOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF YOUR FAMILY AND NOT CAUSED A SCANDAL. IT'S BAD FOR THE GUILD
I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN TO YOU. I TOLD YOU SO MANY TIMES TO GO HOME AND SEE YOUR FAMILY. BUT YOU NEVER LISTENED.
STING
SO. HOW'S YOUR FAMILY THEN?
WHOA. NOW...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO LOST HIS WIFE AND IS HAVING A HARD TIME! I DON'T HAVE TO HEAR ANYTHING FROM YOU!!
DON'T YOU EVER SAY I NEGLECTED MY FAMILY AGAIN!
STING

CLENCH
DO YOU THINK I LIKE LIVING LIKE THIS?!
SL
AP
I'M ALREADY PISSED OFF NOTHING IS WORKING OUT FOR ME
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT YOUR WIFE LEFT YOU! DON'T YOU DARE TAKE IT OUT ON ME
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO COULDN'T LOOK AFTER YOUR FAMILY!
IF I DIDN'T MAKE THESE SACRIFICES, PARAGON WOULD HAVE DISAPPEARED LONG AGO
YOU'RE THE ONE BENEFITTING FROM ALL MY WORK! HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT

SLAM!
SHUT THE HELL UP, YOU OVERGROWN IDIOTS!!!
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HELP ME WORK THEN GET OUT!!!

...LOOK, GUYS,
IT'S REALLY COLD OUT, SEE?

JUST, YOU KNOW SHOVE IT ALL UNDER THE RUG. MAKE UP AND LET'S GO INSIDE

TO BE HONEST, YOU BOTH DID WRO-
AH. CRAP. WHY AM I THE ONE GETTING YOU GUYS TO MAKE UP??

CRAZY MAN. I SHOULD HAVE CHASED YOU OUT OF PARAGON WHEN I FIRST INHERITED IT
IF I HADN'T RECEIVED YOU YOU WOULDN'T HAVE LASTED THREE DAYS OUT THERE. AND DIED IN A DITCH SOMEWHERE
YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN NEXT TO ME. YOU IDIOT. IF IT WASN'T FOR ME. YOU WOULD HAVE GONE COMPLETELY BANKRUPT IN FOUR DAYS AND WE'D HAVE BECOME HOMELESS TOGETHER
AH. WOULD YOU GUYS QUIT IT!? YOU CAN'T STOP CLAWING AT EACH OTHER FOR FIVE MINUTES!
WITHOUT YOU, I WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY-...!
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OH...
WHAT'S WRONG?

SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

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HYUNG, HYUNG, WHAT IS IT?

THAT'S THIS MASTER IDIOT'S WIFE... NO, FORMER WIFE.
OH.....

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